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SUBJ: KENG PIAO TO VISIT PAKISTAN AND SRI LANKA

1. CHU CHI-CHEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PRC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' AMERICA AND OCEANIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, TOLD A WESTERN DIPLOMAT MAY 31 THAT PRC VICE PREMIER AND POLITBURO MEMBER KENG PIAO WOULD PAY OFFICIAL VISITS TO SRI LANKA AND PAKISTAN "SOON." KENG PIAO, IN CHARGE OF PRC RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTIES SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, IS WIDELY THOUGHT TO HAVE TAKEN OVER THE SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ROLE IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

2. SRI LANKAN EMBOFF CONFIRMED TO USLO OFFICER THAT THE VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE BUT WAS UNAWARE THAT KENG WOULD ALSO BE TRAVELING TO PAKISTAN. HE INDICATED HOWEVER, THAT DATES FOR THE TRIP WERE STILL NOT SET. WOODCOCK

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